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THE FEASTS.

A feast of the earth did the Lord God spread,
And he bade his children come;
Yellow, and black and brown, and red,
Even the fair had room.
There lay whatever of earth was good,
For them to pick and choose,
For unto the days of their death had God,
Given it them to use.

The great God set a feast for the souls,
Of all the men who were dead,
The strong souls set themselves at the side,
And the Lord God sat at their ad.

Strong and brave and just and kind,
The great souls set them round,
But the little souls fought and whined,
And strove for place on the ground.
Calmly and sweetly they ate and drank,
Those high souls, unaware
Of the baby squabbles of race and rank,
That babbled below them there.

For large are the laws of the Lord our God
And ranks are ranged thereby
And naught doth He care for the curl of a hair,
Who set the stars in the sky.

ESTHER CROWE,
October 12, 1901. Kansas City Star.

LAW VS. LIQUOR.

Mrs. Lottie Lytle Cowan.

"Liquor! Liquor! Oh where is thy sting?" The answer comes, "It is every where." Few families have escaped directly or indirectly the degrading influence of this monster evil—strong drink.

Men and women whose political or literary vociferousness has brought them in contact with all phases of society, usually inform us of the ill-effects of using intoxicants as a beverage.

Another bondage is confronting us, and will probably take possession—a bondage of master and slave—liquor the master, the consumer the slave.

The question naturally presents itself how are we to avoid this impending, appalling condition. The temperance platformator has become monotonous in his discourse containing a multiplicity of earnest appeals for abstinence.

The teachers to whose care are intrusted the moulding of the tender minds of our boys and girls, have exhausted the category of temperance literature in their strenuous efforts to eradicate the thought of considering liquor a beverage; yet we find that the united efforts of the lecturer and the teacher are inadequate to erect a barrier sufficiently strong to suppress the increase of that ever destroying appetite of rum.

The latest and most amusing suppression to attract our attention is the "hatchet suppression," wielded by Mrs. Carrie Nation in the state of Kansas, and during her recent visit in the city of New York. This rather peculiar resort is indeed more serious than laughable. This method of reformation instills in the minds of the young a spirit of lawlessness. America has too often had her fair name stained by reckless citizens taking the law in their own hands. We should discountenance and look with much disfavor upon any man or woman who encourages the disregard of the law in their communities whether for the committal or abatement of vice.

It is true that the liquor dealer has caused much demoralization among all races of man; but it is equally wrong for citizens to take the law in their own hands. In their excited efforts to abate this vice the result is identical with that of the saloonist—property destroyed, lives taken, family ties broken.

Let the law be the due process of abatement. Elect worthy men to office who possess the moral courage to enforce the law they have so solemnly sworn to preserve.

We must also remember that many children have formed the habit of drinking from the examples of mother and father. Parents should remove the infernal decanters from their cupboards. "Smash" glass if you will, but begin in your own home. Smash the "little brown jug." When this is done attention should be turned to the children. Strong drink is a destroyer. Mothers should begin with the babe on their knees, and teach it that liquor must be avoided the same as carbolic acid, ar-

senic, or any other life destroyer.

Our deliverance must come by the enforcement of law, and the education of the children's appetites to turn with disgust from intoxicants, which will eventually destroy the home, destroy character, destroy the body, and destroy the salvation of the soul.

Brooklyn N. Y.

Baptist Women Organize

Washington, D. C.,
Mrs. S. Willie Layton, President
Baptist Women's Convention was in
Washington this week looking after the



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interests of the National Organization of Baptist Women. A number of the ladies of Mrs. Layton's denomination met her on Wednesday, October 30th, at the residence of Mrs. Jesse Lawson. Among these were Mrs. M. B. Wood, Mrs. J. White, Mrs. Judson W. Lyons, Mrs. F. W. Taylor, Misses Louise A. Peebles, Louise Robinson, and others. A club was formed having for its object the training of children along moral and industrial lines on Saturdays.

The many friends of Prof. L. B. Moore of Howard University were shocked and deeply grieved at the sudden death of Mrs. Moore on Tuesday of this week. Sarah Tanner Moore, the daughter of Rt. Rev. B. T. Tanner, was a woman who had greatly endeared herself to the mother heart of Washington having contributed so much of value and helpfulness to the Harriet Beecher Stowe Mother's Club with which she was connected from its organization.

The choral society aiming to present the Wedding Feast of Hiawatha by S. Coleridge Taylor is progressing splendidly under the able management of Mrs. A. F. Hilyer, President of the Treble Clef.

Mrs. Rosetta Sprague daughter of Fredrick Douglass gave a strong and telling report before the District W. C. T. U. Annual Convention as Superintendent of the Department work among colored people.

Rev. Florence Randolph of Jersey City has recently returned from a trip abroad in attendance upon the ecumenical Conference. She preached in London and in Sheffield while away. Mrs.

Randolph has rendered valuable assistance to the cause of Temperance in her state and was during last year, state organizer of W. C. T. U. work.

The Booker T. Washington Club has resumed its work for the year with much enthusiasm. HUGH WYME, by S. Weit Mitchell was discussed by the members at the residence of Mrs. John R. Francis Thursday evening. Mrs. Coralie Franklin Cook is President; Miss Ida A. Gibbs, Secretary. The committee on plan of work. Miss L. Cook, M. P. Shadd and Mesdames L. Moss and R. E. Lawson, presented the completed schedule for the year, which was adopted. CLUB WORKER.

Mrs. Lucy Thurman is still in Texas lecturing and organizing in the interest of the W. C. T. U. and at the same time doing good work for the N. A. C. W. Mrs. Thurman reports that the State President for the W. C. T. U. in

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